

Annex:

Pertinent passages from last year's statement (p. 38 of 4 Feb 1959 transcript).

Taking into account the complexities of the task which would have to be accomplished, we believe that the Soviets could achieve an operational capability of 500 ICBMs about three years after first operational capability date.

Based on our estimate that a first operational capability will probably be achieved in 1959, we therefore believe that a capability with 500 ICBMs could be achieved sometime in 1962. However, with overriding priority and exceptional success in their test and production program, this capability might be achieved in as little as two years after the first operational capability date, that is, sometime in 1961.

Assuming a buildup in three years from first operational capability to a capability with 500 ICBMs, a capability with 100 ICBMs could be achieved in about a year and a half.

Assuming a two-year buildup, 100 ICBMs would be achieved in about a year. The achievement of operational capabilities such as these within the time periods estimated would require an extremely high order of planning and accomplishment and would also require an increase in the average rate of ICBM firings for test and training purposes.

I would note here, and this is a part of the estimate:

Note: These numbers of ICBMs are selected arbitrarily in order to provide some measure of the Soviet production and deployment capacity. They do not represent an estimate of the probable Soviet requirements or stockpile.